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Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 08442.0002-02000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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 Joseph C. CAUTHEN) Group Art Unit: 3738
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 Application No.: **10/075,615**) Examiner: U. Chattopadhyay
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 Filed: **February 15, 2002**) Confirmation No.: 2841
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 For: **SPINAL DISC ANNULUS**)
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant petitions for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Office
action of August 24, 2005. A fee of \$1,020.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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